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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE (37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003 received in the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the accompanying remarks. Included with this Response is a Request for Extension of Time for 1 month(s) and the appropriate fee. This Amendment/Response therefore is timely filed.

In the Office Action dated September 26, 2003, the Examiner stated that the Response filed 07/07/03 (the Examiner inadvertently referred to a Response filed April 30, 2003) was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action and directed Applicant to select one target sequence or one antisense sequence from the instant claim set. In response, Applicant hereby re-submits a Response. This Response newly amends claims 1 and 11, adds new claim 21, and omits new claims 22-27, deletes the species election, and makes an election of the invention to be examined

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(see "RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT"). Accordingly, Applicant believes the current Response is fully responsive and request reconsideration of the claims.